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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PATH SET-
UP IN A QUANTUM KEY DISTRIBUTION
NETWORK

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2005, finally rejecting claims 16-26, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.